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For: PHARMACOLOGICAL AGENT  
AND METHOD OF TREATMENT

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2002, please enter the following amendments into the record of the above-identified patent application, and accept the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12.

Please add the following claims:

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13. A pharmacologically active metal ion chelating agent for the treatment of a disease, disorder, or condition selected from the group consisting of hepatitis C infections, angiogenesis, sun burn, decreased immune function, metastatic colon cancer and upper respiratory infections, wherein the disease, disorder or condition is mediated by a protein having a metal ion-protein complex, the agent having the following structure: